

## **Egremont Board of Health**

**Thursday December 17, 2020, 12:30 pm**

### **Zoom Meeting**

**In Attendance:** Charles Ogden, Chairman, Dr. William Rose, Ellen Maggio

**Also in Attendance:** Al Thorp, Accord Engineering

**Recording:** Juliette Haas, Director

- 1) Chairman Ogden called the meeting to order at 12:37 pm. The minutes from the December 3, 2020 meeting were adopted with corrections (3-0).
- 2) **Straher/24 Lakeside Drive** Al Thorp of Accord Engineering representing the landowner presented a preliminary plan showing the locations of a proposed three bedroom home, new well and septic system. Mr. Thorp informed the Board that in order to construct the proposed new home the existing wetland would be relocated to the abutting lot with a 1:1 wetland exchange. The proposed home and tanks for the leach field will no longer be in a wetland, but the outer sides of the proposed home will be. The preliminary plan will require a 50% reduction in size of the leach field and a 2 foot reduction to groundwater variance which Mr. Thorp stated are allowable with the use of secondary treatment. The Board asked Director Haas to consult with MassDEP on the variance requests and also to consult with the Building Inspector as to whether he would grant a building permit under such conditions. There is still no indication as to when the existing structure which has been a concern of the BOH for years will be removed.
- 3) **John Andrews Boil Order** The establishment has performed water tests with no evidence of bacteria present. They are awaiting word from MassDEP as to when the Boil Order will be rescinded. The Board asked Director Haas to inquire if the restaurant is currently open for indoor service.
- 4) **Permit Renewals** Applications for permit renewals have been received and are being processed.
- 5) **Recent Field Work**
  - Septic installation/103 Hillsdale Road/Juliette
  - Title 5/98 Mt. Washington Road/Juliette/pass
  - Septic installation/264 Egremont Plain Road/Juliette
- 6) **COVID 19**
  - A positive case was reported at the Country Market in South Egremont. Owners informed the BOH, closed to sanitize the facility and close contacts were tested.
  - Current cases continue to rise in Berkshire County
  - CHP performed 50 COVID tests during their visit to Egremont in their mobile van
  - Vaccine has started to be administered to the medical staff at BMC and Fairview
  - The Board will issue weekly COVID communications to the community
- 7) Meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm. The next EBOH meeting will be January 7, 2021.

*JSHaas*  
*Approved January 7, 2021*